

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9709

INFO AMEMBASSY MANILA

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AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 20567

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFBOR, PFOR, VS

SUBJ: USG POSITION ON SPRATLY ISLANDS

REF: A. SINGAPORE 4710 B. SAIGON A-249 (COPY BEING POUCHED  
SINGAPORE)

1. REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DOES LAY CLAIM TO THE SPRATLY ARCHI-  
PELAGO. IT HAS RECENTLY LODGED A SMALL GARRISON FORCE ON NAMYT  
ISLAND.

2. WE UNDERSTAND REPUBLIC OF CHINA CLAIMS TERRITORY IN THESE  
ISLANDS AS WELL AS REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, PHILIPPINES, AND PRC.  
RRESUMABLY ALL CLAIMANTS ALSO CLAIM RELATED TERRITORIAL WATERS.

3. WE BELIEVE THE U.S. PUBLIC POSITION ON THIS MATTER SHOULD  
CONTINUE TO BE THAT IT TAKES NO POSITION WITH RESPECT TO THESE  
CONFLICTING CLAIMS. THIS IS AN AREA OF CONTENTION FROM WHICH WE  
ARE, AND SHOULD REMAIN, ALOOF.

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